

D. C., mission work. At the conclusion of Brother Bowman's remarks, he was called upon to lead the conference in prayer, after which an offering was taken in behalf of said mission resulting in \$33 80 paid in cash, and \$29 99 pledged. Then a call was made for foreign mission work resulting in \$220 subscribed. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After considerable deliberation upon the subject E. B. Shaver's resolution carried: Resolved, That this conference memorialize National Conference to elect a foreign mission board consisting of five members, and also elect a traveling secretary who shall give time to organize the churches for effective foreign work.

D. C. Eoomaw's motion carried: That the pastors of this conference be urged to take monthly pledges from their congregations for the support of the Washington, D. C., mission.

E. B. Shaver's motion carried: That the present incumbents on the mission board be continued in office another year.

W. H. Spiggle's motion carried: Inasmuch as the greater part of our brotherhood are engaged in agricultural pursuits; Resolved, That this conference appoint the *time* as well as the *place* for holding it in 1898—say about the third week in May.

In response to Brother Emert's request, Hagerstown, Md., was chosen as the place at which to hold the conference in 1898, on Tuesday, after third Sunday in May. By request, A. D. Gnagey read an article on "Sanctification, What is it, and can it be Obtained?" by Laura E. N. Grossnickle. Responses by Z. H. Copp and I. D. Bowman. D. C. Moomaw's motion carried, that this conference accept Sister Grossnickle's article, and it was further ordered that it be furnished Brother Gnagey for publication. The committee appointed to adjust the Ashland college apportionments report as follows: We believe that under the existing circumstances it is unwise to assume any portion of the debt. Signed by G. A. Copp, D. L. Shaver, S. A. Wine and P. H. Wisman. Just two and one half hours spent in discussing and answering queries. Moved to adjourn for supper.

FRIDAY, 8 A. M.

House called to order by Moderator Moomaw, preceded by songs and Scriptural reading. Wm. M. Lyon led in prayer. Minutes of last session read and approved. Moved and passed that the parochial report be accepted for consideration, and it was further ordered that the secretary use due diligence in procuring a more complete report, but in the event it could not be done, he should add some explanation of the incongruity now existing in said report. (Have not yet been able to correct the report, hence will have to omit it in this report to the EVANGELIST.)

E. B. Shaver's motion carried, with G. A. Copp's amendment, that this conference proceed to elect a State Evangelist with the provision that the board shall not employ said Evangelist farther than they have means to pay him, and in the event they do, the secretary of the Home Mission Board shall be held personally responsible for the deficiency. D. C. Moomaw's motion carried, that this conference asks the pastors of the churches, to collect one cent per week from their members for home missions. J. S. Bowman, the present incumbent was re elected State Evangelist for another year. The

election for delegate to National Conference resulted in the election of D. C. Moomaw with E. B. Shaver alternate.

Standing committees appointed: On Parochial report, D. L. Shaver, G. A. Copp and P. W. Wisman. On Educational Work, Lee Hammer, J. L. Thompson and J. M. Bowman. On Church Literature, D. C. Moomaw, W. T. Nininger and C. Nininger. On Woman's Work, Laura E. N. Grossnickle, Annie Emeret and Mrs. Annie Nininger, Mrs. Cena Hammer, Mrs. Dr. Shaver. On Ministerial Support, Dr. Reichard, E. B. Shaver and G. A. Copp. On Sunday-school Work, D. C. Moomaw, J. S. Bowman and Wm. M. Lyon. Executive committee, Z. H. Copp, Dr. Reichard and T. J. Fahrney. Appeal Board was re-appointed, D. C. Moomaw, E. B. Shaver, G. A. Copp, B. C. Moomaw, J. I. Hall. Wm. M. Lyon's resolution was adopted: Resolved, That this conference extend a hearty God-speed to Susie Kline and W. J. Delany in their work as endorsed by the Hagerstown church. Conference ordered that the State Evangelist be sent to Atlanta, Ga., in response to a call, as soon as practicable.

The answering of queries was next in order. In what relation does the Deacon stand to the Pastor? Ans. The Deacons of a congregation constitute an advisory board of which the pastor is chairman. It was ordered that Lee Hammer and S. P. Fogle have the minutes of this conference published as cheaply as possible, and that each congregation should bear its apportionment of the expenses.

The following resolutions were adopted: We, the members of the Brethren church in conference assembled, extend special thanks,

1. To the railroad companies and Burk's hack line for reduced rates of fare, and to the papers of New Market, especially the *Shenandoah Valley*, in its efforts to make a full report.
2. To the organist, Prof. J. M. Bowman and his choir of singers.
3. To the citizens of New Market and vicinity for their most bountiful hospitality and presence during the session of the conference.
4. To the pastor of the Methodist church, the Rev. R. M. Wheeler and congregation in their love to us in the granting of their house of worship for the meeting of conference.
5. To Brothers Fogle, Wine and Kagey for the comfort of all in attendance.
6. That it be the sense of this conference that the liquor traffic in general and the open saloon in particular is one of the greatest evils that curse our land to-day. It is destroying and retarding the progress of the church and blighting our country by manufacturing paupers, lunatics, gamblers, murders and indeed *criminals* of every description. It is annually sending thousands of men to drunkard's graves, and their guilty souls into the presence of him who hath said no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven.
7. That we will by all legitimate means seek not *only* to suppress but to exterminate from our midst this great enemy to everything that is sacred, pure, and good. Signed, D. C. Moomaw, Z. H. Copp, D. L. Shaver, R. M. Wheeler. The foregoing minutes were read and approved, and after a short song and praise service, conference adjourned *sine die*.

D. C. MOOMAW, Moderator.
LEE HAMMER, Secretary,